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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: RAILROAD

REF: CARACAS 5652 AND 5635

- 1. LOCAL PRESS UPON RETURN FROM VENEZUELA OF MINISTER OF INDUSTRY CARLOS PEREZ DE BRICIO QUOTED MINISTER AS SAYING GOV HAD AWARDED PROJECT TO CANADA AND SPAIN. PEREZ DE BRICIO INFORMED PRESS HE HAD MET WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS IN CARACAS TO DISCUSS AND DETERMINE EXACT WORK CONTRIBUTIONS BY EACH. PRESS STATED PEREZ DE BRICIO WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VENEZUELAN TRIP BY INI VICE PRESIDENT, MANUEL DE AZPILICUETA. WHILE INI'S ROLE NOT DELINEATED, IT WAS REPORTED THAT SPAIN'S NATIONAL RAILROAD SYSTEM, RENFE, WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT BY CONTRIBUTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
- 2. IN ADDITION RAILROAD PROJECT, PEREZ DE BRICIO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE SPANISH FIRM ENASA OF INI GROUP WAS ALMOST CERTAIN TO OBTAIN GOV APPROAVAL TO INSTALL A DIESEL MOTOR AND TRUCK PLANT IN VENEZUELA, THAT SPANISH FIRM PEGASO MAY EXPORT SOME 1500 MINIBUSSES TO VENEZUELA, AND THAT SPAIN WOULD TAKE A MINORITY HOLDING IN A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY TO BE ESTABLISHED IN VENEZUELA TO CONSTRUCT A SHIPYARD. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. WE WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS RE RAILROAD PROJECT FROM SPANISH AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING THIS WEEK'S NATIONAL ELECTIONS.STABLER

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